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cassette is in an operable state when said ink ribbon is mounted in said tape cassette, but released from said holder, and wherein said supply spool and said take-up spool of said ink ribbon are fixed to said holder by said tear-off tape.

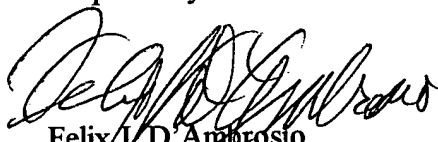
REMARKS

Regarding the election made, the traverse was based upon the fact that the search of one group of claims necessarily involves a search of the others. It was noted that there would not be an undo burden placed upon the examination process to also search claims 48 and 49. the basis of the traverse was not that "the inventions are distinct from each other."

The specification has been amended on pages 8 and 18 to identify the holder relative to elements 41 and 120. Claim 43 has been amended to change "tape casstee" to "tape cassette," claims 24, 26, 28, 30-35, 37, 38 and 43 have been amended to overcome their indefiniteness, claims 33, 36, 42, 43, 45 and 47 canceled, claim 46 amended to include the subject matter of claim 47 and new claims 50-54 added, which are claims 33, 36, 42, 43, 45 and 47 in independent form. New claims 50-54 and claims 34, 37 and 38 which depend therefrom, should now be in prima facie condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and this application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted


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